

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 16 are amended. Claims 24-38 have been withdrawn during a previously filed amendment. No new matter is introduced.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Bruenjes for the courtesy and engaging discussions granted to Applicant's Attorney of Record during a telephone interview that was held on 08/15/05.

As a result of this interview, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 16 to remove any ambiguity that may exist. Applicant is also enclosing Fig. 7 to show the "intimately adjoining" nature of the carbon tubes which *share a common wall*. No new matter is introduced. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that, since this matter was also discussed on page 12, second paragraph, of Applicant's response to the First Office. There, Applicant stated that:

"The intimacy by which the individual carbon tubes of the carbon tube device of the present invention are adjoined . . . , *Fig. 7 shows that the adjoining individual carbon tubes actually share a common tube wall*, in a structure similar to a honeycomb . . . , can only be achieved by the unique process employed in the present invention."

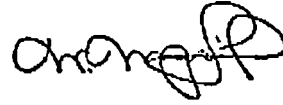
Thus, no new issue is raised in this amendment.

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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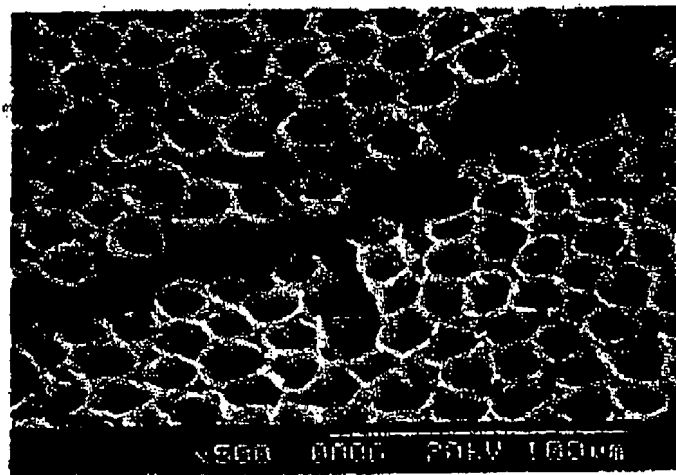
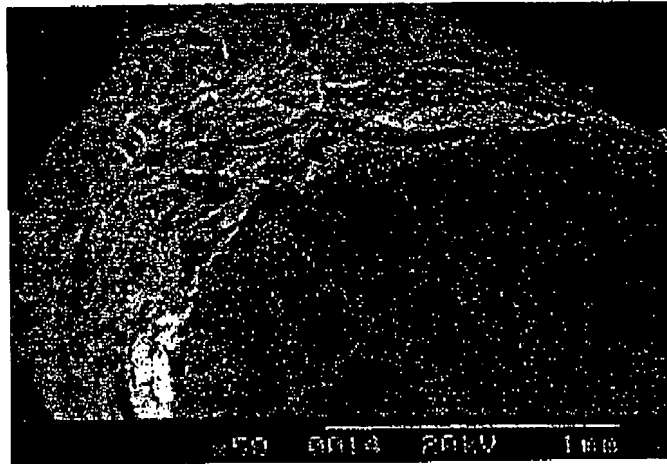


FIG. 7